



Deepening Learning and Raising Aspirations through the AIRR values.  
What does this look like in our Sociology curriculum?

## Aspire:

The Sociology curriculum provides students with the exciting opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the world around them and reflect on social issues that are often relevant to their own social experiences. It gives many opportunities for students to look at representation of inequalities within social groups and strive to become. Students in Sociology will work towards developing strong critical thinking skills and being able to consider issues with a global outlook will be of huge benefit to their futures moving forward, whether this is in further education, the workplace or society in general.

It is a great steppingstone to many careers including jobs in the following sectors: social work, criminal justice system, research and marketing, government officer roles, public relations, and many more.

## Be Independent:

The curriculum in Sociology allows students to focus on their personal identity, roles, and responsibilities within a society and develop a lifelong interest in social issues. Through support and practise, students will become more independent through analysing and formulating clear, logical arguments and build on their critical thinking skills. The course is 100% and students will work towards being able to excel on all three papers over the two-year course. Their independence will be raised independent reading and research and students will have opportunities throughout the course to debate their own thoughts and make their own conclusions from studies and theories.

## Be Resilient Learners:

Our curriculum means students are able to revisit and improve core skills and knowledge over time, deepening their understanding. The Sociology curriculum will be new to students in Sixth Form, and so while students do find it interesting, they will find it challenging at times. The curriculum will revisit and students will be given many different ways to learn: independent reading prior to lessons, debates, and check for understanding activities, and lots of exam questions to attempt. By keeping a high level of support and challenge, students studying Sociology will learn to overcome their own adversities and become resilient members of society. The curriculum allows students to organise and communicate their knowledge and understanding in different and creative ways, and reach substantiated judgements.

## Be Respectful:

Sociology helps students to gain a better understanding of the interrelationships between individuals, groups, institutions, and societies. By gaining this knowledge, students will also raise awareness of the British Value of Tolerance of Others and will enable them as individuals to appreciate the significance of theoretical and conceptual issues in society, while learning about the Hidden Curriculum.

Students will learn in detail about inequalities in social groups, particularly: age, gender, ethnicity, and social class and look at how they are represented in studies and throughout media over the decades.